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Intimations.

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THE COMMITTEE of the Victoria Recreation Club request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 7th April, at 1 p.m., on the Hongkong Football Club Ground (kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee) at the Happy Valley.
By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. A. G. FITTON, D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) will perform during the afternoon.
Admission to the Ground Stand and Enclosure (Gentlemen) \$1.00.
Members of the Hongkong Football Club on presenting Membership Ticket, Free.
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FRANK LAMBERT,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.
Hongkong, April 4, 1906. 719

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Hongkong, March 24, 1906. 665

NOTICE.

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CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.
Hongkong, April 2, 1906. 688

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr. H. W. KENNEDY will act as GENERAL MANAGER of the above Company.
By Order of the Consulting Committee,
J. WHEELEY,
General Manager.
Hongkong, March 27, 1906. 635

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP of BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS has this day expired by effluxion of time and Messrs S. S. BENJAMIN and G. H. POTTS have been appointed LIQUIDATORS in SHANGHAI and Mr. E. S. KADOORIE as LIQUIDATOR in HONGKONG, and they are respectively empowered to receive all Monies Due to and to pay all Monies owing by the late Firm of BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS. The Successors of the Firm are Messrs S. S. BENJAMIN and G. H. POTTS in Shanghai, and Messrs E. S. KADOORIE & Co. in Hongkong who are prepared to carry on Brokerage Business as heretofore.
Signed E. S. KADOORIE.
Hongkong, March 31, 1906. 662

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THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, at 8 o'clock P.M., on SATURDAY, the 7th APRIL, 1906.
Members wishing to be present and Devonians wishing to join the Society are requested to communicate with
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary,
C/o HONGKONG CLUB.
Hongkong, March 19, 1906. 673

NOTICE.
THE MITSU BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA hereby give notice that they have established a BRANCH OFFICE at this Port, from 1st APRIL, and have appointed Mr. T. MATSUKI as MANAGER.
MITSU BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA.
Hongkong, April 1, 1906. 666

WM POWELL, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on Account of the year 1905/6, at the Rate of FIFTY CENTS per Share, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on and after APRIL 10th, 1906.
The REGISTER of SHARES and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, April 5th, until TUESDAY, the April 10th, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
HARRY RYRE,
Manager.
Hongkong, March 31, 1906. 65

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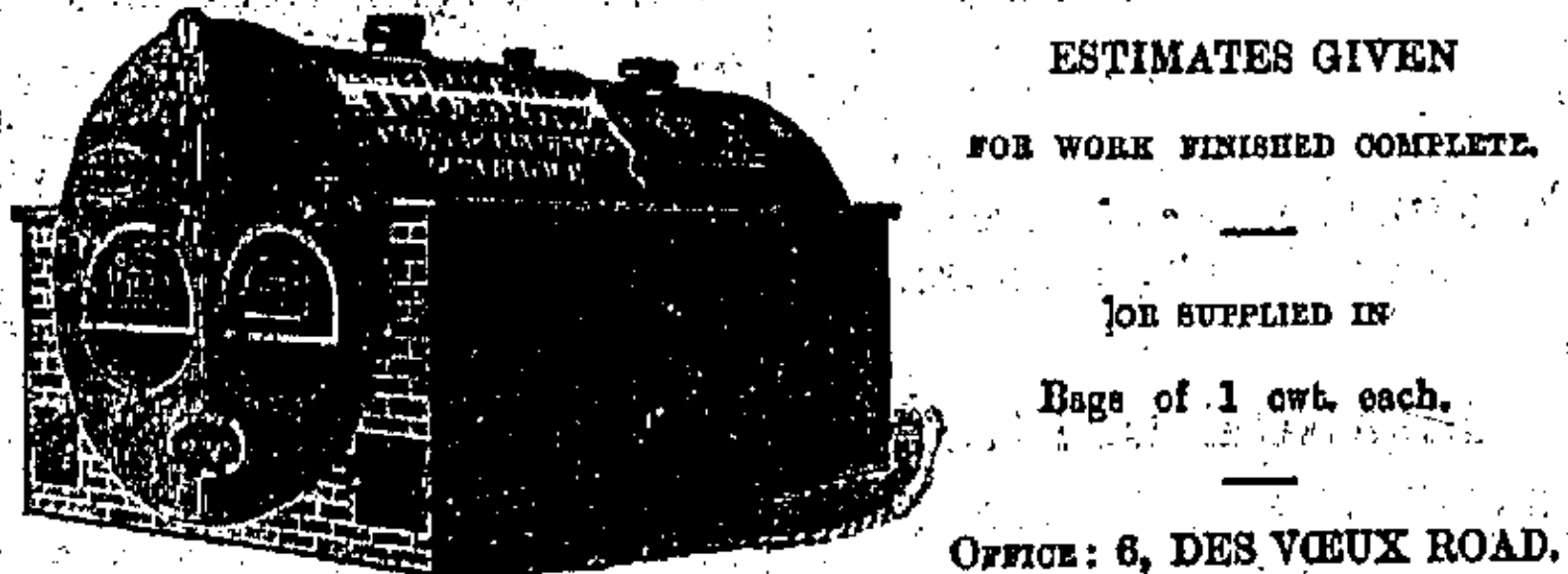
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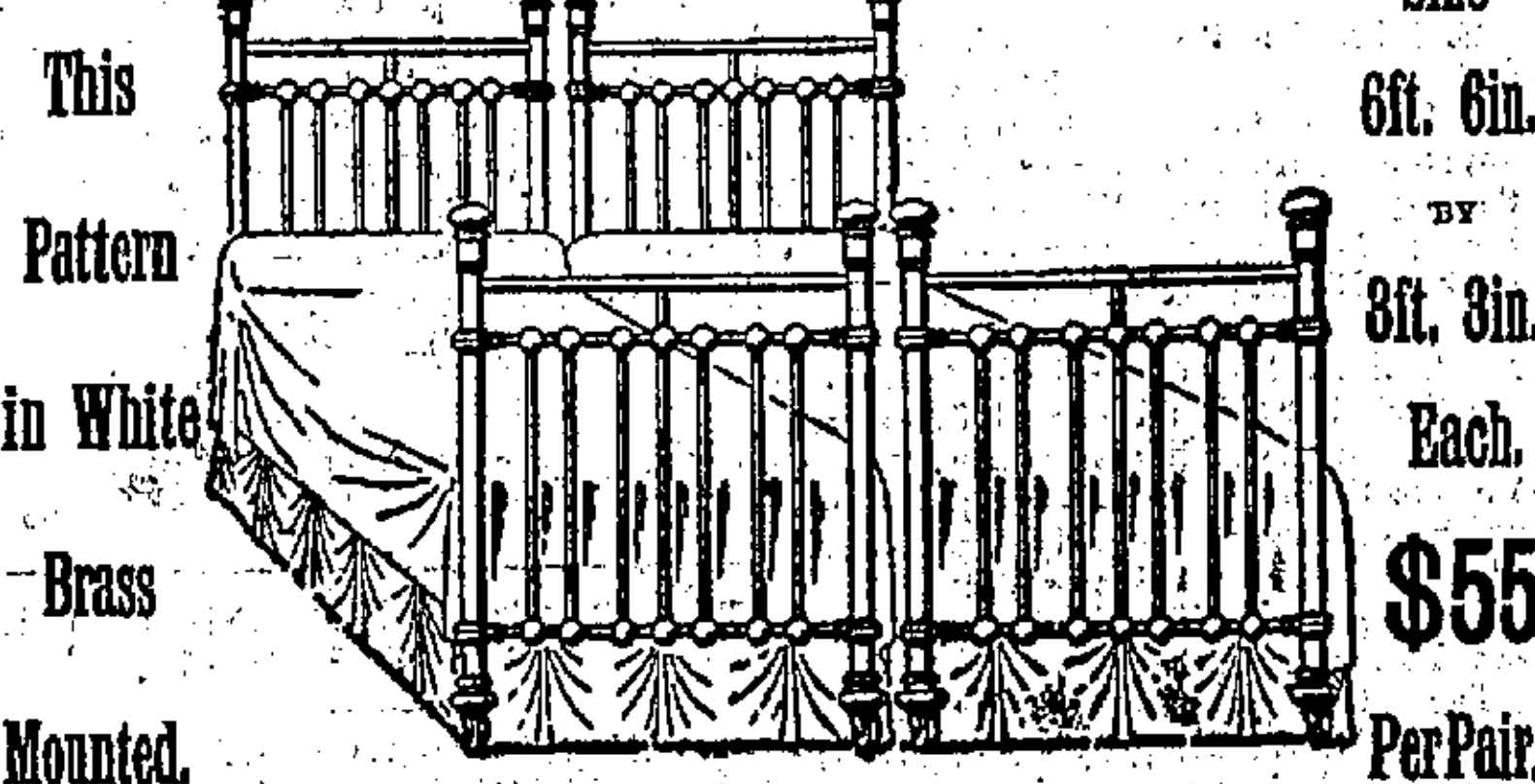
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Intimations.

SANITARY BOARD.

NOTICE.

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W. WOODCOCK, Secretary, Sanitary Board.

Hongkong, March 31, 1906.

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended) every Domestic Building or part of such building within the Central Division of the City of Victoria, and the Western Division of Kowloon occupied by Members of more than one family must be CLEANED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the Owner during the months of March and April.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the Walls of each Room and Staircase—all cubicle partitions—State Rooms and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Undersides of Roofs, both in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard should have its Containing Walls lime-washed up to the level of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in cool climates, however, need not be lime-washed but must be Cleaned.

The Central Division of the City lies between Giffen Street and Peel Street, on the East, and Tank Lane and Giffen Street on the West. Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western Divisions by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the North and through the Yau-mai Services Reservoir to the northern boundary of Kowloon.

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Dated this 2nd day of April 1906.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 5, GARDNER'S BUILDING, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 7th APRIL, 1906, at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 28th February, 1906, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th, to SATURDAY, 7th APRIL, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 24, 1906.

PHILIPPINE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of PHILIPPINE CO., LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD., QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 11th day of APRIL, 1906, at 3.15 P.M. when the proposed Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING, which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That the Firm of Messrs E. S. KADDOORIE & CO. be appointed GENERAL MANAGERS of the Company in the place of Messrs BENJAMIN KELLY & POTTS, and that Article 56 of the Company's Articles of Association be altered by substituting the words "E. S. KADDOORIE & CO." for the words "BENJAMIN KELLY & POTTS."

BENJAMIN KELLY & POTTS, General Managers.

Hongkong, March 31, 1906.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 28th APRIL, 1906, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 12th April to the 28th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

W. J. HAUNDERS, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 3, 1906.

"THE REVENUE OF CHINA."

A SERIES OF ARTICLES.

Reprinted from "The China Mail."

With an Appendix.

To be had at the Office of this Paper, Messrs KERR & WALSH, Ltd., and Messrs W. BARNES & Co. Price, 50 Cents.

TO LET.

ONE ROOM on First Floor No. 1, DES' VUEUX ROAD, Prince's Building.

Apply to DEACON, LOCKER & DRACON.

Hongkong, March 15, 1906.

HONGKONG CLUB.

TO LET.

9 ROOMS, on the Ground Floor of the Annex, from 1st September next, suitable for Office.

For particulars, apply to the undersigned.

O. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, June 1, 1906.

TO LET.

HAYTOR—The PEAK.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.

Hongkong, March 17, 1906.

TO LET.

OFFICES in KING'S BUILDING and YORK BUILDING.

GODOWNS on PRINCE STREET.

A BUILDING on CANNONWAY BAY, formerly in occupation of the Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.

A HOUSE in OLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.

A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD.

A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE, FLATS in MOUNTAIN TERRACE.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 22, 1906.

TO LET.

TWO GODOWNS at EAST POINT, close to the Water, suitable for the Storage of any Cargo.

Floor Area 6,100 square feet each.

Apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, March 9, 1906.

TO LET.

ROOMED RESIDENCE, No. 6, NORRISON HILL, Hot and Cold Water, Gas, Tennis Court and Garden.

Apply to W. G. WINTERBURN, Geo. Farwell & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, March 9, 1906.

TO LET.

TOP FLOOR (6 Rooms) 19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (above Messrs GARDNER & Co.'s Office).

FIRST FLOOR (4 Rooms) YORK BUILDING.

Apply to KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

Hongkong, February 10, 1906.

part, offered by military students who have received their education in Japan.

It is evident to the whole world that China is going to work in a very different way from any she has attempted before, and it is imperative that a Western Power should help her in her reformation. Who should step forward and assist in this work of regeneration? England, and no other Power, says Mr. B. L. P. Wells, in his book "The Re-Shaping of the Far East." "The idea," says Mr. Wells, "of an abdication in the Far East on account of the results of the Russo-Japanese War is not only foolish, but fanatical."

England, too, in years past done all the pioneer work not only in China, but in Japan, and still occupies in a manner which admits of no contradiction, the premier place in the Far East. And, although her diplomacy in China for ten long years has been deplorable (there is no other word for it), her vested interests, her commerce, and her Press, mightily overshadow everything else still, and are well understood by all to occupy such a position. Much has been said by recent writers, and much is indeed said in these pages of the advance of other Powers, of their ceaseless intriguing all over the Far East, while the mask of friendship is kept on; of their undermining of the British position, and of infidelity, until perhaps English statesmen have ended by believing that the time for abdicating a proud position has really come.

Mr. Wells shows that of the 18,000 Europeans in China ports (exclusive of Hongkong) over 6,000 are British subjects, while it is estimated that British transactions account for 80 per cent. of the banking and financial business of China. The European Press in China is almost entirely English, and the English language is spoken everywhere, even among the natives. In addition to this, the tonnage of British shipping entering and clearing at Chinese ports has risen from 300,000 tons to 33,000,000 tons, while England owns or controls three-quarters of the shipping in Chinese waters. What England did for China, by means of Gordon, forty years ago, she is even better able and just as willing to do to-day.

That the Chinese possess all the qualifications which go to the making of good soldiers has not only been demonstrated for many years, but has been very lately proved by ourselves in our Chinese Regiment at Wei-hai-wei. (This regiment has since been disbanded. E.D., G.M.) But the reorganisation of their army is as yet in its infancy, and without the help of a great Western Power it seems beyond the range of possibility to bring the enormous population under anything approaching the desired military control. The Chinese Empire, as it is situated to-day, is made up of a conglomeration of races, which cannot by any possible means be welded together, but who will require serious and close watching. By steadily and peacefully developing closer relations with England, America, and Japan, China will succeed not only in exercising a wise control over her huge and unruly population, but also in obtaining a reliable and well-trained army, and in advancing herself to the position, she is now so anxious to hold, of a truly civilised modern nation.—United Service Gazette.

FOR CANTON.

THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer **SHAN CHUNG**, 561 Tons, Captain G. McGarry, will leave for Canton at 8 P.M. on SUNDAY, APRIL 8, and return to Hongkong on THURSDAY, APRIL 12, leaving Canton at 6 P.M. Excellent accommodation, Electric Light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office. First-class fare, \$3 each way. Second-class, \$1.00 each way. Meals, \$1 each. Cargo freight very moderate.

CHEONG ON STEAMSHIP CO., LTD., No. 138, Collyer Quay, Central.

STEAM TO CANTON.
THE new Twin-Screw Steel Steamer **KWONG CHOW**, 1,300 tons, Captain T. R. Mead, will leave Hongkong for CANTON at 8 P.M. on SUNDAY, APRIL 8, and return to Hongkong on THURSDAY, APRIL 12, leaving Canton at 6 P.M. Excellent accommodation, Electric Light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office. First-class fare, \$3 each way. Second-class, \$1.00 each way. Meals, \$1 each. Cargo freight very moderate.

These fine new Steamers have unequalled accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are lit throughout by Electricity. Electric Fans in First-class Cabins.

Passage Fare—Single Journey, \$4.00. Meals, \$1.00 each. The Company's Wharf is a short distance West of the Harbour Master's Office.

SHU ON S.S. CO., LTD.,
AND
YUEN ON S.S. CO., LTD.,
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.
S. S. WING CHAI.
THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong on WEEK DAYS at 8.00 A.M., and on SUNDAYS at 8.30 A.M. Departs from MACAO on Week Days at 2.30 P.M., and on SUNDAYS at 3.00 P.M.

Fares—Week Day 1st Class, including cabin and servant, Single \$3; Return Ticket \$5. 2nd class \$1.50. 3rd class \$1.00. Every Sunday there will be an excursion, at the following rates—1st class \$2.00, 2nd class \$1.00, 3rd class \$0.50. Single \$1.00. Return \$1.50. 3rd class \$0.50. Meals 10 Cents.

Any Meals can be supplied on Board at a charge of \$1.00 per Meal. On Sundays, Passengers desiring to have a Private Cabin which has accommodation for two or more passengers, will be charged \$3 extra.

First-class Passengers who do not care to return on the excursion Sunday, will be allowed to do so, on the following day (Monday) on production of the Return Ticket. Should the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the Bell's opening, due notice will be given by the Captain, and the Return Ticket will be available for the following day. The Ship will be lit throughout by Electricity.

The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

SAM WANG CO.,
81, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

For Sale.

AT THE PEAK.

AN ELEVEN ROOMED HOUSE, with Dinning, Dining and Bathrooms, distant thirteen minutes by chair from the Peak, fitted with superior baths and with Hot and Cold Water, large Kitchen, Laundry and Servants' Quarters. Can be used as one dwelling or divided into two. For particulars and terms, apply to **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.** Hongkong, March 7, 1906. 668

FOR SALE.

THE GOOD-WILL AND STOCK-IN-TRADE of "TAI WO," Photographers, of No. 38, Queen's Road Central (Corner of D'Aguiar Street and No. 34, Queen's Road Central). For further particulars, apply to **YEE WO, TAI WO,** 2nd Floor, No. 25, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, February 9, 1906. 687

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **FRIDAY,** the 8th April, 1906, at 11 A.M., at No. 109A, PRATA EAST, A Quantity of **COFFERS, COFFIN, COFFERS** for Life Rafts, Life Belts, &c., &c.; And a Quantity of other **COFFERS, COFFIN, COFFERS**, Brass Binnacle Cows, Brass Sides, Ammunition and Mast Head Lights, Wire Rope, Manila Rope, &c., &c.; One **CHRONOMETER** in Good Condition, and One **LIFE BOAT.** Terms—As Customary. **GEORGE P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.** Hongkong, April 3, 1906. 707

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for account of the concerned, on **SATURDAY,** the 7th April, 1906, at 11 A.M., at his Sales Rooms, No. 3, DES VEXIS ROAD, Corner of Lee House Street, A Large Assortment of **ENAMELLED WARE GOODS.** Terms—As usual. **HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.** Hongkong, April 4, 1906. 719

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **SATURDAY and MONDAY,** the 7th and 8th April, 1906, at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, DUNDRELL STREET, A FINE ASSORTMENT of **JAPANESE CURIOS.** Comprising: SATSUMA VASES, PLATES, and INKSTONE BURNERS, BRASS and BRONZE BOWLS, and VASES, CHRONOMETERS, etc., etc. On View from Saturday, the 7th April, 1906. Terms—Cash on delivery. **GEORGE P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.** Hongkong, April 4, 1906. 711

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **MONDAY,** the 9th April, 1906, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, DUNDRELL STREET, A FINE ASSORTMENT of **JAPANESE CURIOS.** Comprising: SATSUMA VASES, PLATES, and INKSTONE BURNERS, BRASS and BRONZE BOWLS, and VASES, CHRONOMETERS, etc., etc. On View from Saturday, the 7th April, 1906. Terms—Cash on delivery. **GEORGE P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.** Hongkong, April 4, 1906. 711

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000
SILVER RESERVE.....\$2,500,000
REVENUE.....\$1,000,000
PROFIT AND LOSS.....\$1,000,000
REVENUE.....\$1,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

A. HAYES, Esq., Chairman.
Hon. Mr. C. W. DICKSON—Deputy Chairman.
Hon. Mr. R. B. SHAW—Hon. Mr. R. B. SHAW.
G. H. MEDHURST, Esq.
H. A. W. BLADE, Esq.
D. M. NISIM, Esq.
H. E. TOMKINS, Esq.
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH, Manager.
Shanghai—H. E. TOMKINS, Manager.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COURT BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the **HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.** Rules may be obtained on application. **INTEREST** on deposits is allowed at **3 PER CENT.** per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of **\$100 or more** to the **HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK**, to be placed on **FIXED DEPOSIT** at **4 PER CENT.** per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.
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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$2,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$2,000,000
REVENUE.....\$2,000,000
PROFIT AND LOSS.....\$2,000,000
REVENUE.....\$2,000,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts

at the rate of **2 PER CENT.** per annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits:
For 12 Months.....4 1/2
" 6 ".....4
" 3 ".....3 1/2
" 1 ".....3
T. P. COCHRANE, Manager.
Hongkong, March 26, 1906. 42

THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000
PAID-UP.....\$1,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$1,000,000
REVENUE.....\$1,000,000
PROFIT AND LOSS.....\$1,000,000
REVENUE.....\$1,000,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts

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For 12 Months.....4 1/2
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E. ORMOND, Manager.
Hongkong, March 26, 1906. 42

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER.)
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....Yen 5,000,000.
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....Yen 2,500,000.
HEAD OFFICE—TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:

Anoy, Kobe, Nagasaki, Taiwan, Amoy, Osaka, Tokyo, Keelung, Shanghai, Yokohama.

HONGKONG OFFICE:

3, DES VEXIS ROAD.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received on terms which may be learnt on application.
S. SHIGENAGA, Manager.
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THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....Yen 24,000,000.
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....Yen 18,000,000.
CAPITAL UNPAID.....Yen 6,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....Yen 10,500,000.
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Yen 1,000,000.
HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:

TOKYO, KOBE, NAGASAKI, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, PEKING, MUKDEN, PORT ARTHUR, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, OSAKA.

LONDON BANKERS:

The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited, The London and Lancashire Bank, Limited, The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.

HONGKONG BRANCH—Interest allowed.

On Current Accounts at the Rate of 2 PER CENT. per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months, 6 PER CENT.
On fixed deposits for 6 months, 4 PER CENT.
On fixed deposits for 3 months, 3 PER CENT.
On fixed deposits for 1 month, 2 PER CENT.
TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.
Hongkong, March 27, 1906. 589

Banks.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDELS-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NEDERLANDSCHE TRADING SOCIETY.)
ESTABLISHED 1824.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....FL. 45,000,000 (\$25,750,000).
RESERVE FUND.....FL. 5,000,000 (\$2,812,500).
HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.
HEAD AGENTS—BATAVIA.

BRANCHES:

SINGAPORE, PENANG, SHANGHAI, HANKOW, SOERABAYA, CHERIBON, PEGU, PANGLOSS, PASSEUR, TILAPIA, PADANG, MEDAN (Deli), PALEMBANG, KOTA RADJA (Achene), TELUK BENDAWA, (Achene) Bandjermasin.

Correspondents at:

Macao, Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Rangoon, Saigon, Haiphong, Hankow, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS—The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and correspondents in the East, on the Continent in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts 2 PER CENT. per annum on daily balance.
Fixed Deposits 12 months 4 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.
Do. 6 months 4 PER CENT. Do.
Do. 3 months 3 1/2 PER CENT. Do.
L. ENGL. Agent.
Hongkong, February 23, 1906. 418

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

FISCAL AGENTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CHINA, THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.
CAPITAL AND RESERVE.....\$10,000,000.
AUTHORIZED.....\$10,000,000.
PAID-UP.....\$5,000,000.
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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 7:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Enamelled Ware
Goods, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's
Sales Rooms.

11.45 a.m.—Meeting of China Light &
Power Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

1 p.m.—Athletic Meeting of V.R.C. on
the Hongkong Football Club Ground.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Pekin Curios, at
Mr F. Kiene's Sales Rooms.

8 p.m.—Annual Dinner of Devonian
Society, at Hongkong Hotel.

MONDAY, April 3:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios,
at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

Goods per *Ernst Simons* undelivered
after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Satsuma* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, April 10:—

Goods per *Messing* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Glenroy* not cleared on this
date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, April 11:—

Noon—Auction German Steamer *Detina*
at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales
Rooms.

3.15 p.m.—Meeting of Philippine Co.,
Ltd., at the Office of National Bank of
China, Ltd.

Goods per *Amier* undelivered after this
date will be landed.

Goods per *Pekin* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, April 14:—

Noon—Meeting of National Bank of
China, Ltd., at Co.'s Premises.

WEDNESDAY, April 18:—

Transfer Books of Union Insurance
Society of Canton, Ltd., close from
this date to 28th April inclusive.

SATURDAY, April 23:—

Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance So-
ciety of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

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THE SANITARY BOARD.

We will be pardoned for once again

reverting to the subject of the Sanitary

Board, inasmuch as that body is now

practically at the bar of public opinion.

It is only fair to say that thanks are

largely due to the unofficial members,

Mr Hewitt, Mr Shelton Hooper, and

Mr Humphreys, for the exposure of so

much that is defective in the ad-

ministration of the Board. But we may

claim, more especially in regard to

Mr Hewitt's denunciation of the cynical

indifference of the Government in regard

to setting an example to the rest of the

community, that we were the first in the

field. Some months ago we pointed

out that the City Markets were in a

shockingly dirty condition and that the

Post Office was in a state that would

bring disgrace upon a town quarter the

size of Victoria. Our criticisms had

some little effect. In a burst of spas-

modic energy coolies removed portion

of the dirt which had become encrusted

upon the electric light globes at the

markets and perfunctorily dusted the

exterior of the Post Office. Very short-

ly, however, things were allowed to

lapse back into the disgraceful condition

in which they were when we called

attention to the matter. The Govern-

ment is not under the jurisdiction of

the Sanitary Board. It is at liberty to

set an example to the ordinary citizen

of disregard for the regulations, obser-

vation of which a branch of itself has

declared to be essential to the welfare

of the Colony. To give the Government

its due it has taken every opportunity

to set that example. If the matter were

not so serious there would be some-

thing intensely humorous in gentle-

men, who are both members of the

Government and of the Sanitary Board,

denouncing in their latter capacity

lapses which in their former role they

are themselves guilty of. But the

citizen, and especially the Chinese

citizen, finds little honour in paying a

heavy fine for following in the footsteps

of a Government which professes such

touching solicitude for his physical

welfare but so poorly bears out its

profession by its performance. A

perusal of the reports of the meetings

of the Sanitary Board suggests that that

body is split into two divisions, one

consisting of the gentlemen we have

already mentioned, the other of the

official members. The former is anxious

that the welfare of the community

should be conserved by a judicious

blending of common sense with the

requirements of statute. The latter,

apparently, opposes an unshakable

belief in the efficacy of sub-clauses and

sections, and considers that there is no

wisdom other than can be found in an

Ordinance. Being a numerical majority

the latter prevail. Our correspondent

"More Light," whose thoughtful and

interesting letter we publish to-day,

makes out a strong case against the

property owner. We can hardly

endorse, however, his declaration that

it is the property owner who is primarily

responsible for the opposition to com-

mon sense methods of securing im-

munity from epidemics. After all, the

possession of property is not a crime.

Neither is the owner of property

necessarily short-sighted. No man who

has the misfortune to own a house in

Hongkong is particularly delighted

when an outbreak of infectious disease

loses him all his tenants. If such

calamities can be obviated by even

structural alterations—which as we

stated not long since are very detrimen-

tal to buildings—it is fair to assume

that the property owner will do what he

can in most instances. But it is notori-

ously that property owners are unneces-

sarily harassed by too rigid an enforcement

of the regulations. Marble tiles in the

opinion of most men are as healthful for

paving a kitchen floor as cement, but

the Sanitary Board Inspectors appear-

ly do not think so. Paint would appear

to be as cleanly as a covering of

woodwork as limewash, but the wisdom

of the Sanitary Board declares that it

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE NATAL NATIVES.

MORE TROUBLE.

A New Chief Kidnapped.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

London, April 4.

The Chief of the Greytown District, Natal, who was recently deposed by the authorities and fled to the mountains with a number of adherents has now become active.

In command of a force he descended upon the district formerly under him and raided it.

His force attacked the principal kraal, burned it to the ground, kidnapped the new chief, and made off to the mountains.

A force of 120 police is in pursuit. Trouble is brewing in other districts, Chief Bambata showing a disposition to defy the police.

HEROES HONOURED.

THE KAISER'S APPRECIATION.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

London, April 4.

The Kaiser has presented medals to the Westphalian rescuers for the services at the Courrières Mine.

His Majesty, in addressing the men, said they had obeyed the teaching of the Saviour and showed that neighbourly love that knew neither boundary nor race.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

London, April 3.

The Times says that not a few Englishmen will hope that the Algiers Conference will further stimulate the policy of supplementing the Franco-Russian alliance and the Anglo-French entente, by the natural complement of a cordial Anglo-Russian understanding.

THE STRIKE IN AMERICA.

London, April 3.

The employers of 100,000 bituminous coal miners in America have increased the men's wages, and relieved the situation.

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

London, April 3.

The Italian delegate has been deputed by the Conference to go to Fez to explain the decisions of the Conference to the Sultan, and to obtain his adherence to them.

THE ELECTIONS IN RUSSIA.

London, April 3.

Upwards of 60 per cent of the elections in St. Petersburg voted yesterday. The authorities refrained from all interference.

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A DEAL IN FLOUR.

Trade Prosecution.

The hearing was continued, at the Magistrate's Court, before Mr. F. A. Hazland, of the case in which three Chinese men and two women were charged with infringement of trade mark in connection with American flour. It will be remembered that the case for the prosecution, as made out by Mr. J. E. Morrell (Crown Solicitor's office) was that the defendants were found unlawfully transferring flour of the Red Seal brand into White Lily bags.

Mr. Holbrow appeared for the defence and in outlining the evidence he proposed to call said that he hoped he would be able to show that the present was not a case that the Ordinance was over intended to meet, and was absolutely free from any intention to defraud whatever. Three of the defendants were foks of the Shui On Wing firm which carried on a very extensive business in various brands of flour. In December last year 40,000 bags of flour were shipped to them by the "Minnesota" of which upwards of 2,500 bags were White Lily. Of these a large number were damaged by water and a number of sacks were broken open. This was usually the case and he would show that it was customary to ship two per cent of empty sacks to cover breakages. These sacks were deposited with the pursuer and were given out by him according to the breakages. The damaged flour was refused and insurance was paid on it. In this particular instance about 300 bags of White Lily were broken open. On the day before the steamer sailed the pursuer was found to be short of White Lily bags. He, however, had some of the Red Seal brand and the head foks, without consulting his master, bagged the White Lily flour in these. The flour was put into the godown and in March this year sold. Then in taking the flour out of the godown the flour packed in Red Seal bags was re-bagged in White Lily bags which had been obtained in the meantime. This was what was happening when they were arrested.

The evidence had not concluded when our report closed.

AMOY NOTES.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Amoy, April 2.

The people of Amoy have been greatly exercised and frightened by the series of earthquake shocks that have been experienced within the last few years. On Wednesday morning last, at seven o'clock, there was one of the most severe shocks that has been ever felt here. It caused houses to rattle in an ominous manner and was prolonged to such a length of time as to give rise to feelings of anxiety. Two mornings later there was another severe shock, which woke up most of the inhabitants. The tremors are having a great effect upon the Chinese who view them with mixed feelings. It is said that the farmers welcome these shocks as the crops grow much better after them.

PROPOSED ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The telephone system installed by a Japanese Company at Kungshu (about which I previously wrote) is now in good working order and has proved a boon to the foreign residents, as well as to the Chinese. The same Company recently announced that they were considering plans for the lighting of the town with electricity. They propose to charge two cents per hour for a sixteen candle power light and to install fittings free of cost.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The junk which was recently sunk in the telegraph area by the steamer "Alexander" has been raised and towed away by the harbour authorities. The danger to navigation, previously notified, consequently no longer exists.

Mastless Steamers.

The steamer "Bellerophon," now in port, represents a novel departure in ship-building. The vessel has no masts. In former days—the period of the single screw—it was obligatory upon ship-builders to have some sort of provision for hoisting sail in case of a mishap. Such necessity does not exist to-day. The following interesting paragraph in regard to these steamers appears in the current *L. and O. Express*:—The new Blue funnel liner "Taurus," based for the Far East, and sailed on her maiden voyage on March 1st. She is one of five similar steamers ordered by the Ocean Steamship Company, and is practically a sister ship to the "Bellerophon," of which vessel we recently gave some description. The chief feature is that in these steamers masts have been entirely dispensed with, their place being taken by four pillars; arranged in pairs, fore and aft, to act as crane posts for derricks. Her appliances permit of her handling weights up to 35 tons. The two forward pillars are joined by a look-out bridge eighty feet above the water line. The "Taurus," which has been built by Messrs Hawthorn, Leslie and Co. of Hobburn-on-Tyne, is fitted with twin screws, and is 439ft. long, 58ft. in beam, and 49ft. 6 in. deep, of 9,000 tons, and with a draught of capacity of about 13,000 tons.

The German Navy.

The Budget Committee of the Reichstag (Germany) has agreed to a vote of 10,000,000 marks (£2,000,000), being the first instalment for the construction of two torpedo divisions and submarine boats.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—The reports of the recent meetings of the Sanitary Board deserve the serious consideration of all who are interested in the public health. The Board appears to be divided into two parties, the champions of light, fresh air, and cleanliness, and the defenders of darkness, foul air, and dirt. Unfortunately for the former party the latter have enlisted on their side the vested interests of the land owners and the poverty of the poor tenants.

In the confusion of the wordy warfare it is to be feared that the real points at issue may be lost sight of. I think that a little consideration of the past may help those who are really earnest in their efforts to promote the public welfare.

We are suffering, Sir, for the sins of our predecessors, sins of omission on the part of the Government, sins of commission on the part of the property owners and the tenants.

In the first half century of the Colony's existence it seems that houses were allowed to be built with very little consideration for the most obvious principles of sanitation, and as the Colony increased and multiplied exceedingly in the race for wealth, the greed of the landlords and the uncleanly habits of the tenants were alike unchecked either by law or by that force which is much greater than law and without which laws can neither be created nor enforced, the force of public opinion.

The result was that the plague fiend upon his first visit in 1894 found the Colony a perfect hot-bed of filth, richly manured for the culture of the plague germs. The teeming population was housed almost exclusively in tenement houses mostly built back to back without air or light; houses which in consequence were never cleaned. Each flat probably contained a number of cubicles, each cubicle was the home of a family in which the family slept, ate, and worked, and played.

These cubicles had no windows.

The only means by which light or air could penetrate into these foul dens was by the narrow windows at the extreme front of the flats. As no back windows existed there could be no through draughts; in the stagnant air the fumes of food, tobacco, and all the other concomitants of Chinese life hung like a pall.

If ever a city deserved a plague epidemic Hongkong deserved it richly in 1894.

Since 1894 the sanitary policy of the Colony has consisted of one long struggle on the part of the apostles of health against the greed of the property owners on the one hand and the poverty and ignorance of the people on the other.

Step by step the forces of health have progressed: back yards, back windows, open spaces, concrete and cement, lime-wash and soap, have been forced upon the unwilling landlords and ungrateful tenants.

Public opinion has been educated, the dread of quarantine restrictions has aroused the merchants to a true perception of their interests and great progress has been made.

But still the cubicles have no windows. In 1903 the new Public Health Ordinance prohibited the use of a cubicle without a window or skylight, but the poverty of the people soon proved too strong for the law and this sanitary provision had to be modified and watered down, and in December of 1903 an amending ordinance was passed which allows two windowless cubicles in a flat of a certain size.

This is the provision which the Sanitary Department has been struggling to bring into force: this is the provision which has aroused the outcry about the impending depopulation and consequent ruin of the Colony.

We hear a great deal about the enormous losses which property owners have to incur and of the terrible hardships inflicted on the poor tenants who are compelled to have at least a medium of light and air; who is compelled to clean his place at least twice a year.

If it be true, as it is said, that 50,000 persons have left the Colony, I say so much the better for them and the overcrowded Colony. These 50,000 persons and children they are said to be chiefly, are now, it is to be hoped, breathing fresh air and enjoying the pleasures of daylight amongst the hills and fields of the adjacent province—growing up to be healthy citizens of a great Empire, instead of stifled and cramped dwellers in windowless houses in a tainted city.

Let the property owners, instead of raising an outcry about their alleged losses, set to work to put their property in order—let them reconstruct their flats so that at least some light and air may penetrate into each living room, and then let them use every means in their power to induce the women and children of China to take up their abode in a healthy, clean, and orderly city, from which dirt and disease have been banished and in which those who love darkness better than light, because their deeds are evil, can find no lurking place.—Yours, etc.

P. S.—I notice that at a recent meeting the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai very wisely quoted that most sage maxim "Prevention is better than cure." Most true! Therefore let us build healthy homes rather than hospitals; let us prevent disease and there will be none to cure.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—It would be interesting to give the names of those who voted on the motion put at the Sanitary Board meeting by Mr. Humphreys to enforce lawwashing once a year instead of twice.

I notice the voting was three to three and the President gave a casting vote. Is that the three H. H. H.'s we are again to hear of?—Yours etc.

(Upon inquiry we find the voting was: FOR: H. Humphreys, The President, Lau Chi Pak, A. E. Howell, Fung Wa Ohuen, Col. Joeling. AGAINST: Mr. Hooper and Mr. Brown did not vote; and Mr. Chatham, Director of Public Works, and Capt. Bodeley, Sup't. of Police, were absent. It consequently appears that the unofficial H. H. H.'s were all "again" one another on the question, instead of being, as "Whitewasher" seemed to think, united "again the Government."—En. C.M.)

MATTERS FEMININE.

Curiosity is ever on the quiver as the season advances in regards to new colours, new fabrics and styles, and the thrifty woman, as well as the one who can spend all, both turn eager ears as to what is to be worn this coming season. The spring is the season of all seasons when new ideas are created in dress; when new colours peep forth, and all that is bright and fresh sought after; and every one will be satisfied this year, for fashions are pretty and not exaggerated.

The picturesque style is to prevail among the modes, and this means that flowered muslins, satens, delaines, soft voiles, flowered and striped silks will be worn, as well as flannels, and picture hats.

The new velvet wristlets are nothing more or less than a revival of those worn some fifty years since. In black velvet set on to an elastic to fit snugly to the wrist, or even a plain black velvet band, finished with a bow ornamented with a fancy buckle, these bracelets are most becoming.

The favored colours are all shades of mauve, opal green, soft shades of green, such as asparagus, fawn, biscuit tint and peach pink, this last famed first being very smart for evening wear.

The princess gown stands first for elegance, but it requires to be made of the richest fabrics and worn by a perfect figure to be a success.

The corset skirt is also stylish and permits of wearing dainty house bodies—over the blouse waist is as popular as ever; so is the Eton coat and bolero; indeed, these outdoor garments are shown in much variety, with and without collars—banded or not banded—and generally showing a vest.

The quite short skirt is very useful for travelling and for the busy woman the newest short skirt being the round shape—just off the ground.

There is more in the tilt of the hat than the actual shape, for the bandana under the back brim not only lifts it over the nose, but gives it an oblique tilt as well.

A noted fashion authority has decreed that pockets should be worn. It is true that every woman carries a man's luxurious accommodation in this line. Pockets may conveniently be ticked away in almost any gown.

The use of gilt braid for belts emphasises the colour of the costume, and makes the right sort of a buckle a very important item.

The Empire styles have touched French underclothes. The corset and other lingerie are made with beautiful heading and ribbon defining the waist.

A new wrinkle in the matter of decoration for a slipper is to set the bead trimming decidedly to the side (outer) instead of in the centre of the toe. This gives quite a chic appearance.

Radium is a lovely creation, and is exceedingly suitable for bridesmaids, also the ballroom. It is light and airy, yet firm; it can be obtained in all shades.

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MANGO CROUTON.—Ingredients: Five lb. of green mangoes; two lb. sultanas; two lb. dates; one oz. garlic; half oz. red chillies; half lb. green ginger; half lb. mustard seed; one and half lb. of sugar; three quarts of vinegar; one and half lb. of apples; two oz. salt. Mode: Slice the mangoes, the chillies, the ginger, garlic and mustard to be pounded to a mortar. Mix everything together, then add the vinegar and boil for an hour.

PEACHY PUDDING.—Ingredients: One sponge cake; one tin of peaches; one glass of sherry; one pint of custard; whites of four eggs. Mode: A stale sponge cake is best for this. Cut it in slices and between each slice put one of the peaches, press them together again the shape of the cake, pour the sherry over it. Make the custard, and when cold, pour over also; beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and ornament the top.

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SKETCHES OF NATIVE LIFE.

The Witch.

VI.

One afternoon last summer, a picnic was arranged to Stanley. After the usual festivities some of us were returning to the launch late in the evening, and as we passed down one of the streets, we saw standing around one of the wayside shrines a crowd of natives. In front of the stone idol there blazed up a large fire of Chinese joss-paper. There appeared to be no evidence of that attitude of mind which we call reverence. Yet the occasion was a solemn one, for a human life, that of a boy, hung, or was supposed to hang, on the issues of the hour. I approached and inquired of the bystanders the meaning of the worship, for one or two of those engaged were evidently in earnest. Standing near the flaming paper were two women, of whom one was evidently overcome with sorrow, for she was moaning with grief. The other, a skinny old hag, stood over the flames and muttered incoherently. Whilst she prayed, she waved a small boy's coat over the fire. The presence of the forefathers did not disturb her at her work, for she took no notice of us. Inquiry elicited the following facts. A lad, the son of the sad faced woman, who was a widow, had fallen from a height and was lying at home senseless and apparently at the point of death. The mother who knew no better, called in the assistance of another woman, whose duty it was, by means of the waving of the lad's jacket over the burning joss-paper, to call back the departing spirit of the boy, which was supposed to be yet hovering near, and undecided whether to return or depart. The incantations were assumed to assist.

The old woman was therefore a witch. She earned her living in this way and so exerted a great influence over the minds of her ignorant fellow villagers, because they believed that she had power over spirits, and could even call back the soul of the boy after it had departed for the abode of the "Yellow Springs." Later on in this paper I shall recall another incident of the same kind which I witnessed in the country, where the preparations were much more elaborate, but where the end sought was precisely the same. But although these things are going on around us, even here in Hongkong, when we have eyes to see them, it is remarkable how little has been written on the subject by those who have given us the history of the dynasties, and sketches of the life of the Chinese.

It is hardly possible to introduce the subject of witchcraft in China without reverting to the wider subject, faith in the reality of what dominated the people of the West for so many centuries. The famous story of the "Witch of Endor" related with such dramatic power, is familiar to us all. John Wesley affirmed his faith in witchcraft, though he did not profess to understand it. He maintained "that the giving up of witchcraft is, in effect, giving up the Bible." Had he lived to-day, probably he would have been less dogmatic on the point.

When we open our "Macbeth" or our "Faust," and read the ever famous scenes in which the witches conjure with the demands of Macbeth and Mephistopheles, we see how real the faith in the potency of witchcraft was. Both poets assumed or professed it. Macbeth exclaims, "I conjure you by that which you profess, however you came to know it, answer me, though you untie the winds and let them fight against the churches." Nor does Goethe shrink from granting supernatural powers to the witch, who, in the witch's kitchen, prepares for her victim the magic potion, crowned with fire. The hocus poems transform the cycle Faust so that he has lost all love for his old pursuits, and goes forth in search of pleasures other than those that once attracted him.

The history of the development of witchcraft in the West, and the cruel repression thereof at the hands of the churches, more especially by the agents of the Inquisition, is gruesome reading. The only excuse that can be offered in palliation of the crimes committed is the ignorance that reigned supreme. I have seen it stated that not less than 30,000 women have been sacrificed in obedience to the impulse of self-preservation, for our fathers generally shrink from the fatal blight of the "evil eye" and dreaded the machinations of those who were believed to hold converse with "familiar spirits." It is to be noted that Saul the king of Israel himself attempted to suppress witchcraft by "cutting off those that had familiar spirits and wizards out of the land," yet by the irony of fate, he was, in his dire necessity, perforce compelled to seek assistance from the famous witch of Endor. It stands written to the credit of Louis XIV., that he, among Christian princes, was the first, or at least among the first, to prohibit by edict all executions for witchcraft. On the other hand, in Mexico, as late as 1877, "with the consent of the whole population," Alvaro Obregon burnt five witches alive.

There has never been in China a persistent and sustained persecution and destruction of witches, as in the West. The government while theoretically condemning them, is too lethargic or too indifferent to vigorously interfere. But a remarkable story, known to most scholars, and accepted by many, has come down to us.

Agnes, the god of the famous Yellow River, once a year, clamoured for a new bride. The most beautiful maiden in the vicinity was selected and when chosen nothing could avert the doom. To appease the waters of the angry river, she was escorted by witches, and wizards, with much show and music into the midst of the sullen river and in cold blood drowned to satisfy the god's command. There came however into the district as Viceroy, a determined man, named Sai Mun Pau, who hated the whole superstition, and determined to uproot it. On the

yearly festival he and his men suddenly pounced upon the crowd who were carrying out their cruel purpose, seized and bound all the witches who headed the procession. His method was most effective. He ordered that, on the present occasion, those who believed in the necessity of a victim, and were detected promoting this sacrifice, should take the place of the doomed girl. His speech is full of biting satire. "Go," he said, "and ask the River God, if you will suit him instead of the maiden selected. Surely among you all there will be found one or more to meet his wishes." With these expostive words he ordered the whole lot to be drowned. The following year, no one moved a hand, and the god went with-out his bride.

In general it may be affirmed, that as Buddhist nuns control the happiness of souls departed, witches concern themselves with the present world. As nuns release souls from the Chinese Purgatory, witches procure blessings, or call down calamities on the living. So great is their influence over the ignorant women of China, that their assistance is sought, and their supernatural power availed of on all occasions.

At the beginning of this sketch I referred to an incident, observed by myself at Stanley. Once while travelling on the East River, I watched a ceremony of the same kind, though much more historic and elaborate. I was at San Tong and the time was evening. I was anchored by a stone pathway which ran along the bank of the river, and led to the city. Suddenly a solitary wall of music broke upon the still evening air. A glance disclosed the situation. A procession was hastily approaching. In a few moments, an earthenware jar placed on the pathway was filled with burning joss-paper; a circle of incense sticks was formed around it; a larger circle of red candles was further arranged.

When all was alight a skin-and-bone witch of wizened appearance, stood in the centre of the circle, and waved a child's garment, just as in the instance referred to above. Her cry, plaintive and assumed, "Come back, good spirit come!" "Come back, good spirit, come!" Indeed, I found that a young man, insensible and dying, was lying in a cottage near by, and after medicine had failed and idols were unsuccessful, the witch had been requisitioned, and hence all the paraphernalia, commotion, incense-burning and incantations.

Another incident, here in Hongkong, was witnessed and attested by a Chinese friend of reliability. A year or two ago, while the plague was in evidence, a Chinese woman had a slave girl whom she had bought three years before. The slave was infected, taken to Canton, and died. The woman, who was vexed at her loss, gave the girl the cheapest of all funerals and returned to Hongkong. A short time after, the woman appeared to be in hysterics and began to talk incoherently, saying she was possessed of the soul of the slave girl. Indeed her conversation and disjointed remarks, appeared to come from the spirit of the slave, who had taken possession of her body, and it was a bitter complaint at the treatment received, and a threatening forecast of the future, unless sundry religious ceremonies were at once performed. When the woman came to herself she was exhausted, and distressed. No doubt conscience and fear will explain the phenomenon.

It is the remarkable faith of the people, which they have in demonical possession, and which holds the women of China, as if in an iron grip, that enables the witches to wield an ascendancy not less potent, and not less retrogressive than the nuns themselves wield. It is, however, clear that the gleams of light, which even already female education is shedding over the land, will do more than water, fire, or imperial edicts to destroy this ascendancy, and rob the witch of her terror.

O. B.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—On the 5th at 12.5 p.m. The barometer has risen generally. Pressure is highest over the Yellow Sea, and the depression is still shown over the Pacific to the NE. of Japan. Gradients continue slight, and moderate E. winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate E. winds; fair.

Vagrancy in England.

The departmental committee appointed by Mr. W. H. Long when Home Secretary to consider the question of vagrancy reports that habitual vagrancy is increasing. The present system is neither deterring to those inclined to vagrancy nor is it reclaiming vagrants. A thorough reform is necessary. The committee has submitted a scheme for placing the vagrant more under the control of the police, for helping the bona-fide wayfarer, and for providing means for retaining the habitual vagrant under reformatory treatment in compulsory labour colonies. It is estimated that there are between 30,000 and 40,000 habitual vagrants in the United Kingdom.

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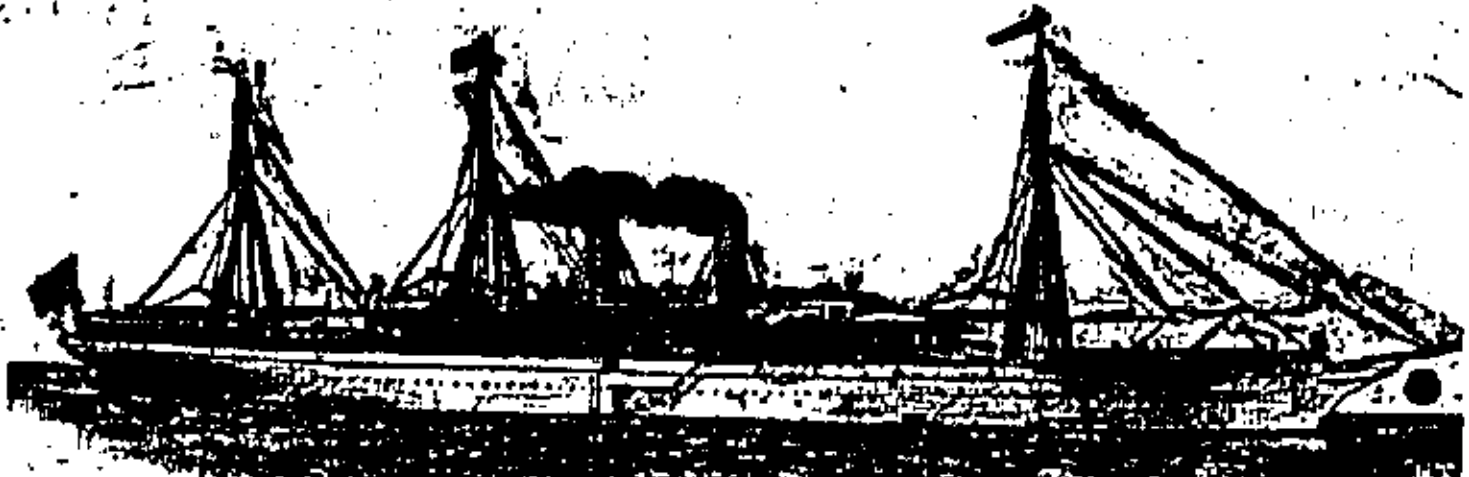
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOMED	12th "
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	DIOMED	20th "
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